

Board Defied On Ultimatum By Coast Lines

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At one of the stormiest steamship meetings held in recent months the Atlantic Intercoastal Conference yesterday defied the Shipping Board ultimatum that Tacoma must be added as one of the Pacific Coast ports of call or the government vessels would be withdrawn from the conference. This message was delivered over the telephone from Washington by W. J. Love, vice-president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in charge of traffic.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the seven lines in the coastwise route, including the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific, the American-Hawaiian, the Luckenbach, the Williams, the Pacific Mail, Crowley & Thurlow, and the North Atlantic and Western. The latter operates five vessels for the Shipping Board, and in addition has two ships of its own and five chartered steamers.

The Shipping Board on Monday sent a request to the Intercoastal Conference asking that Tacoma be reinstated as a port of call by the seven lines, which had decided that the shipments were not sufficiently large to justify direct sailings, and that goods should be transshipped at Seattle. This was rejected by the conference. The board followed up its first demand with a threat to bolt.

In the telephone conversation with Mr. Love the private lines told him that if the Shipping Board was not satisfied with the situation it had a recourse provided in the law. Under the shipping act of 1916 and the merchant marine act of 1920 the board is given authority to approve or disapprove the acts of any conference after due hearings and consideration.

It is understood that Mr. Love was told also that the board had only five ships out of sixty in the coastwise trade, the private lines did not fear a bolt, and that they would welcome complete withdrawal from service by the government. As one official expressed it, "the tail cannot wag the dog."

Considerable resentment was expressed at the "ultimatum," which the private lines declared was contrary to the economic facts. Tacoma was one of the five Pacific ports which the companies decided to omit from the list of direct sailings. The others were San Diego, Astoria, Vancouver and Victoria.

Much of the time of the conference was occupied with attempts to discover how information on the proceedings of the previous day became known to the newspapers, which published details of the session. It is understood that each of the members was pledged to strict secrecy until a decision had been reached.

The usual policy of the steamship conferences is to give out information the following day on any changes in rates, but to conceal the developments at the time of the meetings.

Several members of the conference yesterday expressed the belief that in this matter the Shipping Board is being "bulldozed by politicians." Reference was made to the delegation which appeared here last week to protest against the decision of the conference. This was headed by Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, speaking for Tacoma.

Sailed Yesterday

Export, Copenhagen; Balance, Hamburg; Mauritius, London; Manila, Hong Kong; New York, Norfolk; Manila, S. F. Elliott.

Port Arthur, San Francisco; San Francisco, Joseph Cudahy, Cudahy Co., City of Augusta, Savannah; Ed.

Win G. Farar, Charlevoix; La Bourdonnais (Fr); Norfolk, Bacchus.

Marseilles via Philadelphia; Bushell (Fr); S. S. Gulf Queen, Port Arthur.

Cleared

Freight, N. Y. Waller, Lihkadi; Tampa;

Western World, Pomer; Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, and Buenos Ayres; Munson Line.

Bound South—Sohn Daniel, Gordon, B. Bridgewater, N. Y.; New York, Boston; Godfrey, Elias Gorham (Br); Port Huron; New York, to Human & Paddington via Liverpool; James Sullivan for New York with stone, to Los Angeles; Joseph Murray, Greenport for New York.

Bound East—Schultz Altana, M. Jaeger, New York; Three Lines, New York for Santos; Juan B. Gutiérrez, Gutiérrez; Antonio Barba, Havre and Antwerp; Lloyd Royal Belge; La Bourdonnais (Fr); Robert, Norfolk; French Line; Delaware, Robinson, Boston; Eastern S. S. Co.; Co. of America; James Rio de Janeiro; Santos and Bueno; Rio de Janeiro; Santos and Holland.

President Van Swanenburgh, S. S. President; New York, Norfolk; Queen.

Philadelphia, P. & R. Lines; Philadelphia; Leek; Baltimore; Clyde Line; St. Louis; Johnson, Savannah; O. S. S. Co.; Concho; McIntosh; Galveston; Mallory.

John H. Hartel; Murphy; St. John, Gilmarin & Co.

Tug Gyrene King; Miller; Spencer's Isle; J. W. White; Queen (Br); Spicer; Liverpool; Victory Chimes (Br); Benjamin; Port Daniel, Gilmarin & Co.

Passenger Ships Due

Due Today

Patricia (Fr); Marseilles April 26; to Japan.

W. H. & Co. with mails, is expected to dock forenoon at Pier 21st at 8:30 A.M.

French Line with mails, is expected to dock afternoon at Pier 51, N. R. (West 46th st.).

Hamburg, May 6; to American Lines with mails, is expected to dock forenoon at Pier 51, N. R. (West 46th st.).

Glasgow (Fr); Haven May 6; to French Line with mails, is expected to dock afternoon at Pier 51, N. R. (West 46th st.).

Matapan, Santa Maria May 10; to United States with mails, is expected to dock noon at Pier 51, N. R. (Madden Line).

To-morrow

Saxonia (Fr); Haven May 10; to Cunard S. S. with mails, is expected to dock forenoon at Pier 54, N. R. (West 13th st.).

Scylla (Ger); Haven May 10; to French Line with mails, is expected to dock afternoon at Pier 51, N. R. (West 46th st.).

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Due Saturday

Vessel, Haven May 13; to Agency.

Stockholm, Gothenburg, May 9.

American Line, May 10; to New York.

Moro Castle, Haven, May 10; to N. Y. & Cuba Mail S. S. Co.

Due Sunday

By Independent Wireless Tel. Co., Inc.

Distant, in miles, position at noon unless otherwise specified.

Aquila (Br); Southampton May 13.

Bremen S. S. with mails, is expected to dock forenoon at Pier 54, N. R. (West 13th st.).

First Pierce, Plymouth, May 13.

Lines with mails, is expected to dock forenoon at Pier 51, N. R. (West 46th st.).

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Due Monday

Freight Ships Due

Due To-day

Vessel, Port Said, April 18 via Boston.

Norton, Llyod & Co.

8 S. 8 SW S. S. S. Co.

Half Moon, Gibraltar, May 18.

United American Lines

Jacobs, Messina, April 26; A. H. Bull & Co.

Maartenhuis, Colombo, May 18.

Panama Canal, May 18.

City of Eureka, Lisbon, April 27.

Malta, Transport Lines

Momus, New Orleans, April 27.

Southern Pacific Co.

Arrived Ambrose Lightship, 6:30 P.M.

Seattle, Ensign, A. W. to San Francisco.

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